

ABSTRACT

The disclosed laryngeal mask airway device includes an inflatable cuff, an airway tube, and a tab. The cuff defines a central opening at least when inflated. The cuff is insertable through a mouth of a patient to an inserted location within the patient. The cuff surrounds a glottic opening of the patient when inflated and at the inserted location. The airway tube extends from a proximal end to a distal end. The airway tube defines an internal passage. A sealed airway passage extends from the proximal end of the tube through the internal passage to the glottic opening when the cuff is inflated and at the inserted location. The tab is fixed to the airway tube near the proximal end of the airway tube. The tab is disposed outside of the mouth of the patient when the cuff is at the inserted location. The tab extends outwardly from the airway tube in a first direction when the cuff is at the inserted location. A second direction is perpendicular to a line extending from a nose of the patient to a chin of the patient. The first direction is transverse to the second direction.